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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 3 Percent From Last Year

On June 1, 2006, Arizona had 341,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 3 percent from a year ago and down 4,000 from last month. Placements totaled 29,000 head, 3,000 head less than a year ago. During May, 27,000 head were marketed, down 2,000 head from last May.

On June 1, 2006, California had 535,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 4 percent from last year, and up 5,000 from last month. Placements totaled 80,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year. During May, 70,000 head were marketed, up 8,000 head from last May.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on June 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2005 and 5 percent above June 1, 2004. This is the second highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.91 million, 14 percent below 2005 and 19 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.80 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 370,000, 700-799 pounds were 503,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 2005 and 7 percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 115,000 during May, 20 percent above 2005 and 46 percent above 2004.

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